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A SUBJECT BY hCG ASSAY

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In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed on the PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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The subject application is a continuation of and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT International Application No. PCT/US99/02289, filed February 3, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit under U.S.C. §120 of U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998.

The above listed references 18-30 were submitted to and considered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 13, 1999, in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998. Above listed references 1, 2, and 37-41 were submitted to and considered by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 18, 2000, in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998. Also, above listed references 3, and 31-36 are concurrently being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 9, 2000, in connection with U.S. Serial No. 09/017,976, filed February 3, 1998. Above listed

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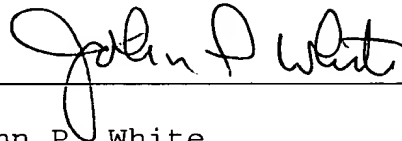
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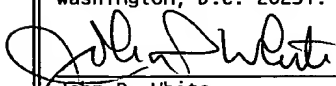
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